

REPLACEMENT DRAWINGS

Please replace the current sheet containing FIG. 3 with the attached replacement sheet containing an amendment to FIG. 3. The amendment to FIG. 3 changes the reference number 272 to 472.

Please replace the current sheet containing FIG. 4 with the attached replacement sheet containing an amendment to FIG. 4. The amendment to FIG. 4 adds references 187, 188, 189 and 384.

Please replace the current sheet containing FIGS. 6 and 7 with the attached replacement sheet containing an amendment to each of FIGS. 6 and 7. The amendment to each of FIGS. 6 and 7 adds reference 214.

Please replace the current sheet containing FIG. 10 with the attached replacement sheet containing an amendment to each of FIG. 10. The amendment to FIG. 10 adds reference 261.

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed April 13, 2006. With this amendment, Applicant has canceled all pending claims and added new claims 272-315, which are believed to be allowable for the reasons set forth below. Reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

Drawing Objections

In Section 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the drawings as failing to comply with 37 C.F.R. §1.84(p)(5) because they do not depict all of the reference signs mentioned in the description. Applicant has amended FIGS. 3, 4, 6, 7 and 10 and the Specification to correct the errors. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the amended drawings are in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.84(p)(5), and requests that the objections be withdrawn.

New Claims

With is amendment, Applicant has canceled all pending claims and added new claims 272-315. Accordingly, the rejections presented in the Office Action are moot. However, Applicant will address the references cited by the Examiner and the Examiner's interpretation of those references based on their application to similar claims in the Office Action.

Independent claim 272 is directed to an identification card printer that includes a ribbon cartridge having a cleaner roller and a card cleaner roller having a debris-collecting surface that engages a debris-collecting surface of the cleaner roller and removes debris from a surface of a card fed along the print path. Accordingly, claim 272 includes features previously presented in claim 85, which was indicated by the Examiner as being in condition for allowance. Although new claim 272 does not include all of the elements of previously presented claim 85, Applicant believes that the particular combination of elements in claim 272 are allowable in view of the cited references. Therefore, Applicant requests allowance of claim 272 and its dependent claims.

Independent claim 291 includes a loader program feature similar to that previously presented in claim 58, which the Examiner indicated as being allowable. Applicant believes that independent claim 291 and its dependent claim 291 are in condition for allowance.

Independent claim 293 includes features that are similar to those previously presented in claim 72, which the Examiner indicated was in condition for allowance. Applicant believes that independent claim 292 and its dependent claims are in condition for allowance.

Independent claim 299 includes features that were previously presented in claims 29 and 30. In rejecting claims 29 and 30, the Examiner cited Squires et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2003/0128269 A1). Applicant submits that Squires et al. is disqualified as prior art to the present application.

While Squires et al. claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application Ser. No. 60/342,781, which was filed December 21, 2001, the features of independent claim 299, such as encrypted supply information and a controller configured to decrypt the encrypted supply information, are not disclosed in that Provisional Application. Accordingly, Squires et al. is not entitled to the priority date of December 21, 2001 with regard to those features.

The present application claims priority to U.S. Patent No. 6,694,884, which was filed February 8, 2002, in which the features of claim 299 are disclosed (see, for example, column 5, lines 23-28). Accordingly, Applicant submits that independent claim 299 has a priority date of at least February 8, 2002, which precedes the earliest priority date of Squires et al. As a result, Squires et al. is disqualified as prior art to claim 299. Therefore, Applicant submits that claim 299 and its dependent claims are in condition for allowance.

Independent claim 311 includes features similar to those previously presented in claims 34 and 149. The Examiner rejected claims 34 and 149 based on Squires et al.

The present application claims priority to U.S. Patent No. 6,386,772, which was filed January 21, 2000. Applicant believes that claim 311 is fully supported by the '772 patent and

therefore has an associated priority date of at least January 21, 2000, which predates Squires et al. Accordingly, Applicant submits that Squires et al. is disqualified as prior art to the features of claim 311. As a result, Applicant believes that claim 311 and its dependent claims are in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

In view of the above comments and remarks, Applicant believes that the present application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully requested.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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